

**REMARKS**

By this amendment, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added as the last page of the application (page no. 48). The separate page for the Abstract of the Disclosure is enclosed herewith.

An amendment to the specification is also made to incorporate related application information and headings and subheadings.

Claims 24-48 are currently pending. The claims have been amended in order to conform them to U.S. practice. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachments: Abstract of the Disclosure.**

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Replace the abstract originally provided on the cover sheet of the PCT application with the following new abstract. A new abstract numbered page 48 is enclosed for the last page of the application following the claims.

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An optical fiber link has a plurality of optical fiber spans joined one to the other, the plurality of optical fiber spans including at least one first unidirectionally-spun optical fiber span and at least one second unidirectionally-spun optical fiber span having mutually opposite spinning directions.